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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 AND 1.98

Dear Sir:

A. (1) Applicant hereby discloses the following Foreign Patent Documents
pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98:

	<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
1.	JP 2002-286104	Oct. 3, 2002	Tsutomi et al.
2.	JP 11-223252	August 17, 1999	Simpson et al.

B. Copies of the patents and literature are included herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R.
§1.98.

C. Explanation of Relevance pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98.

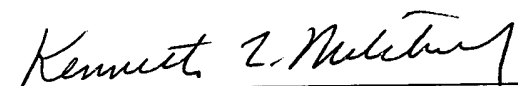
1. JP 2002-286104 published Oct. 3, 2002 to Tsutomi et al. discloses a hydraulic
plastic tensioner.

2. JP 11-223252 published August 17, 1999 to Simpson et al. discloses a hydraulic chain tensioner.

No fee is believed due as this information disclosure statement is being timely filed. Please charge deposit account 23-3060 if any fee deficiency exists.

Respectfully submitted,

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